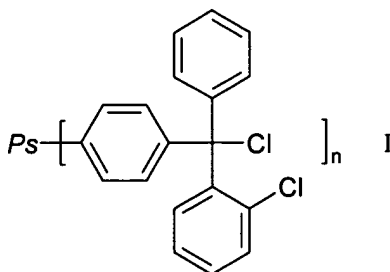
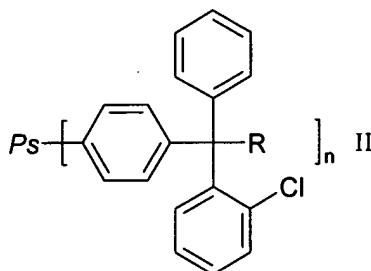


In the Claims:

1. (Presently amended) A process for the preparation of solid phase bonded 2-chlorotrityl chloride (2-CTC resin) of formula I



wherein Ps is a polymeric support and n has the following meaning: $1 \geq n > 0$
comprising the reaction of solid phase bonded 2-chlorotrityl of formula II



wherein R is OH or/and OC_{1-4} -alkyl or/and $NR'R''$

wherein R' and R'' independently of each other represent C_{1-4} -alkyl, or R' and R'' together with the nitrogen to which they are bonded represent a 5 to 8 membered heterocyclic radical
in the presence of a chlorinating agent HCl and an organic solvent.

2. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein the organic solvent is toluene, chlorobenzene, CH_2Cl_2 , DMSO, NMP, DMF, alkylethers, DME, Diglyme, THF or dioxane.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Presently amended) The process according to claim 1 wherein the organic solvent is dioxane and the chlorinating agent is HCl.

5. (Original) The process according to claims 1 wherein n is $0.9 \geq n \geq 0.5$.
6. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein the reaction temperature is between 0 and 110°C.
7. (Original) The process according to claim 4 wherein the HCl content in dioxane is > 0 to about 40 g/100ml.
8. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein the reaction time is 6-96 h.
9. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein it is carried out in a single percolation or in repetitive percolations.